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INFILTRATION IN KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infiltration attempts in Kashmir have increased since May, 2005;

(b) if so, whether a large scale infiltration by militants through the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez and Mushkoh sectors took place recently;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the number of militants killed in encounter; and

(d) the measures taken by the Union Government to curb cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): There have been attempts by terrorist to infiltrate in the Gurez Sector in June/July, 2005. The infiltration was intercepted by the Army and 15 dead bodies of terrorists were recovered along with a large quantity of war like stores.

(d) The current strategy adopted by the Army to tackle cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir incorporates an integrated counter infiltration strategy, relentless operations in the hinterland and winning the 'hearts and minds' of the local populace. The Army, in conjunction with other intelligence and security agencies, continually reviews its strategy to deal with terrorists to ensure that infiltration is further minimized and violence levels in J&K remain under check.